

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS



Each Seacoast Senator Wanted Harbors Included

WASHINGTON.—The debate in the senate on the naval appropriation bill produced some peculiar situations. One, especially, occurred when the clause was taken up which directs and authorizes the secretary of the navy to report to congress by December 4, specific plans for the cost of improvement of the harbors which will best provide adequate facilities for operations of the fleets at places named. About 16 on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts were mentioned.

Senator Penrose insisted that Philadelphia be included and this was done. Then Senator Swanson expressed the desire to see the names of Camden, N. J., and Wilmington, Del., in the list and Senator Sheppard requested that six cities in his state be included. Senator Vardaman obtained the admission of two cities in Mississippi.

The end came when Senator Overman requested the admission of Wilmington, N. C., on the grounds that "it was the scene of the greatest battle in the Civil war." Senator William obtained the floor and said: "I think if this is going on indefinitely we had better take a map and look around the coast line and put in all the places and take the towns in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas on the Rio Grande and put them all in."

In the end it was decided to amend the clause to call for "plans for improvements in harbors and channels, which, in the opinion of the commission, will best provide adequate facilities."



Plans of the Institute for Government Research

MEMBERS of congress and government officials who were startled by the report that the Institute for Government Research, backed by John D. Rockefeller, was preparing to make a sweeping investigation of all departments of the government suppressed their indignation when they discovered that the purpose for which the institute was organized fell far short of such an inquiry.

One of the charter members of the organization said that Mr. Rockefeller had nothing to do with it at the outset, at least, and expressed doubt that he had contributed any funds to carry on the work for which it was designed. It was also asserted that no investigation of any department of the government. The Institute for Government Research was organized shortly before the war by a number of economists and scientists, interested in the subject, for the purpose of making an independent study of governmental methods, with a view to promoting efficiency and eliminating defects now known to exist.

The aim was purely scientific. It was not to pick flaws in any administration, but to discover in what way the business of government could be best carried on.

William Franklin Willoughby, professor of jurisprudence and politics at Princeton university, is managing director of the institute.

The board of trustees is composed of the following men, all of whom are prominently identified with Rockefeller activities: Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins university, chairman; Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, secretary; Frederick Strauss, New York banker, treasurer; Robert S. Brookings of St. Louis, Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard university, and Raymond B. Fosdick of the Rockefeller foundation.



When Finis Garrett Occupies the Speaker's Chair

ON BUSY days, when Speaker Clark gets tired of sticking at his post, he beckons to some likely Democrat and lets him be speaker for a little while. One of the men most often chosen for the honor is Representative Finis Garrett of Tennessee. Observant members have noted from time to time that the moment Garrett gets in the chair he begins to beckon to other members and hold little whispered conferences with them.



As Speaker Clark rarely calls men up in front that way, there was a good deal of wondering what the important thing could be that Garrett always has on his mind when the honor of presiding falls to him. A quiet investigation was started. Men who had been seen holding conferences with Garrett up in front were cautiously cross-examined. And it turned out that they weren't conferences at all. But Garrett is always thinking of funny stories and when he thinks of one he just has to tell it. He sits there in the speaker's chair and sees some member who would appreciate the particular story he has in mind. What more natural than to call the member up and tell the story. Then another story occurs to Garrett and he looks over the house until he sees the man who would most appreciate it.

Before telling the story Garrett cautions his man not to laugh, no matter how funny it may be, as that would tip off the frivolous nature of the conversation. It was the solemn looks of the story-teller and listener that fooled the house.

Capital Eats 600 Tons of Ice Cream Monthly

IF WASHINGTON could get its ice cream in no other way save by importing it from Germany, a submarine of the Deutschland class would be required every month for the transport of this favorite confection. If one failed to arrive every month, Washington would have to go ice-creamless.



In round figures 200,000 gallons of ice cream are consumed every month in the District of Columbia. This means that 1,200,000 pounds, or 600 tons, of cream is eaten. Think of how long it would take you to eat a dish! If you are an average person, it takes about ten minutes. To eat a gallon you might take two hours.

But if you set out to eat all the ice cream that Washington consumes, and supposing that you could eat at the ice cream fountain steadily day after day without getting enough cream or taking any sleep.

It would take you 1,000,000 days, or 273 years, two months and some days. You would have to eat 24,000,000 dishes of cream.

If all this cream was put in ice cream cones, each averaging six inches in height, one month's supply would reach 50,000 miles into the air; it would be able to grille the world twice, and to get one-fifth of the way from the earth to the moon.

Two classes of concerns, in addition to the private consumption at home, contribute to the enormous monthly consumption of 1,200,000 pounds. The wholesalers make about 175,000 gallons a month. Retailers make about 27,000 or 28,000 gallons. Private homes freeze fully 2,000 gallons a month, it is estimated.

MOTION PICTURES ON SURGERY.

Members of the New York County Medical society recently witnessed a series of motion pictures of intricate surgical operations, intended to show medical students and doctors the latest methods and technique of leading surgeons. Since the pictures were taken within eight feet of the operating table, every movement of the surgeons can be seen more clearly than is possible in a clinic amphitheater, where the seats of the students are fifteen or twenty feet from the operating table. According to the New York Times, the accuracy and detail of the pictures are excellent. The films are entirely impersonal, for only the hands of the chief surgeon and his assistants appear. The series will not be shown in public, but duplicates will be kept in medical colleges and medical libraries. Eventually it may be possible for any surgeon or student to get at short notice the film he needs to illustrate the details of an operation that he himself must perform without delay. Thus, when a leading surgeon of Berlin, Paris, London, or New York invents a new and valuable method, the films will reproduce his procedure in any city of the world.—Youth's Companion.

EAGLETS.

One of the very best Aldermen in the City Council, is Edward F. Culleton. He has been longest in the public service of any member of the City Council and his usefulness to the people has been demonstrated over and over again.

Clarence S. Darrow is always the friend of the poor and the downtrodden and no one stands higher at the bar.

Popular Jack Henderson would make a good member of the State Board of Equalization.

Frank J. Hogan, the popular and well-known lawyer, would make a fine Municipal Judge.

George W. Paulina, the great furrier, has made a business record for honesty and integrity that wins for him hosts of friends.

Judge Thomas F. Scully has made a splendid record in the County Court. The people have confidence in him and their confidence has never been misplaced, either when the judge was on the Municipal bench or in his present responsible position.

Joseph A. O'Donnell, former legislator and park commissioner, is one of the most popular members of the Chicago bar.

William F. Quinn, "the father of Edgewater," has a host of friends all over Chicago.

Jeremiah B. O'Connell, the able lawyer, has thousands of admirers who want to see him on the judicial bench.

Dow B. Lewis would make a good County Commissioner.

Judge Edward T. Glennon, the well known railroad lawyer, is respected by bench, bar and public.

Harry W. Cooper reports a big demand for Batavia tires. They are more popular than ever.

President Thomas A. Smyth, of the Sanitary District, has increased the efficiency of the service one hundred per cent since he took office.

Tony Schroeder of North Halsted and Roscoe streets is not only one of the solid men of Lake View but he is a political leader who numbers his friends by the thousands.

There are no more criminals. Every cold-blooded murderer and thief is a "moron" now days according to the pestiferous reformers who are running things in Chicago. A woman is slain in her kitchen. The murderer is caught. "Don't hang him, he's a 'moron' about the reformers," and he is not hanged. A mother and her babe are killed by a brute. "He is a moron" declare the reformers. It is bad enough for the reformers to be stealing the taxpayers' money for a hundred alleged "reforms," but when they keep on breeding murderers, they deserve the rope themselves.

Judge John R. Caverly is daily adding to his popularity in Chicago by his splendid record on the Municipal Court bench.

Nelson N. Lampert is the strongest Republican candidate named for State Treasurer.

The theatrical profession, men and women, the legal profession, leading business men and all other callings praise the Morrison photograph studios. Clara Louise Hagins, secretary of the studio, is always there to see that ladies receive every attention.

Frank Weeger, the well known brewer and business man, is talked of for State Auditor and State Treasurer. He would fill either position well.

W. L. Bodine, the efficient chief of the bureau of compulsory education, has made a nation wide name for his department.

Stillman B. Jamieson is one of the coming men in the Republican party. He is honest and able.

Hempstead Washburne, the popular former mayor, is active in many branches of public life.

Adam Wolf is one of the most popular men in Chicago. You can't beat him.

Judge Charles A. McDonald is making a splendid record on the Superior Court bench. He is a conscientious and fair-minded judge.

Harry E. Kellogg, the popular proprietor of the Blue Ribbon Laundry at 513 North Clark street, is building up a fine business.

C. A. Smith, the veteran pianomaker, is respected by all who know him.

Dr. George Sultan always made a good record in public life.

Judge William B. Dever is making a good record in the Superior Court.

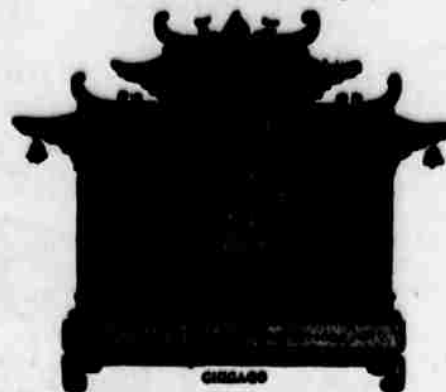
H. Schmidt of 957 Center street has a host of friends who would back him for public office.

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